

Maricopa County Phoenix EMA Planning Council

CHPS COMMITTEE MINUTES

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MINUTES

CHPS Committee

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

ZOOM TELECONFERENCING

Committee Members		Planning Council Members		Recipient Staff		Guests
☎ Ricardo Fernandez	P	☎ Randall Furrow	P	☎ Carmen Batista	P	Carmen Terrell
☎ Taylor Kirkman	P			☎ Karina Tello-Medina	P	Rose Conner
☎ Chuck Albrecht	P					Casey Johnson
☎ Jimmy Borders	P					Kathy Conway
☎ Christie Blanda	P					Rhonda Stewart
☎ Deborah Elliott	P					Blake Colb
☎ Eric Eason	P					
☎ Deborah Reardon-Maynard	P					

P = Present A = Absent ☎ = Phone/Zoom

Support Staff: Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker and Michael Koran

Call to order	Randall Furrow, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm
Determination of Quorum	6 of 6 members present at 12:010 pm QUORUM ESTABLISHED
Welcome and Introductions	The Chair welcomed Planning Council members and guests. Planning Council Support introduced each attendee and asked for any conflicts of interest.
Approval of the Minutes from January 26, 2021	A motion to approve the January 26 th , 2021 minutes was made by E. Eason and 2 nd by C. Albrecht; The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Business Item	Discussion / Motion	Action
Chair Update	<p>The chair is leading in the interim, Taylor Kirkman will be the new chair of this committee beginning in April 2021.</p> <p>We just completed the HRSA Site visit, just some things that need to be corrected. Each committee will need to update the policies and procedures. The chairs will review these and then the STaR Committee will review the document as a whole.</p>	Discussion Only. No Action
Review Progress and Updates of the Integrated Plan	<p>Carmen Batista of the Recipients Office reviewed the handout on the Integrated Plan.</p> <p>The four goals that were outstanding objectives were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce New HIV Transmissions • Increase Access to Care • Reduce Disparities • More Coordinated Response <p>Rose Conner and Debbie Elliot presented a PowerPoint on the results of the most recent Housing Workgroup meeting.</p>	Discussion Only. No Action
Review of Needs Assessment Outcomes and Data	<p>Rhonda Stewart gave an update on the Needs Assessment. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for April 1st. The first round of surveys will be through a link that will be sent out.</p>	Discussion Only. No Action
Review Framework and Meeting Logistics for PSRA	<p>Carmen Batista of the Recipients Office shared the handout with the summary of what will be included in the PSRA Packet.</p> <p>Randall Furrow requested that an introduction of the process and everything included be presented at the beginning of the PSRA session this year again.</p>	Discussion Only. No Action

Business Item	Discussion / Motion	Action
Identify Datasets for PSRA	Reviewed in previous agenda item.	Discussion Only. No Action
Review and Resolve Parking Lot Items	None	Discussion Only. No Action
Determination of Agenda Items for Next Meeting	Collaborative to present on allocation process at next meeting. Housing workgroup will present from May meeting.	Discussion Only. No Action
Current Event Summaries	None	Discussion Only. No Action
Call to the Public	None	Discussion Only. No Action

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday	June 1, 2021	12:00 p.m.	SPECIAL MEETING: Planning Council	VIA ZOOM
Monday	June 28, 2021	12:30 p.m.	Executive Committee	VIA ZOOM
Tuesday	June 29, 2021	2:30 p.m.	Planning Council	VIA ZOOM
Tuesday	July 27, 2021	10:00 a.m.	TEAM Committee	VIA ZOOM
Tuesday	July 27, 2021	12:00 p.m.	CHPS Committee	VIA ZOOM
Tuesday	July 27, 2021	2:30 p.m.	STaR Committee	VIA ZOOM
Monday	August 30, 2021	12:30 p.m.	Executive Committee	VIA ZOOM
Tuesday	August 31, 2021	2:30 p.m.	Planning Council	VIA ZOOM
Wednesday	September 1, 2021	12:00 p.m.	Planning Council / PSRA	VIA ZOOM

Adjournment

1:31 pm

Signature:



Randall Furrow (Jul 16, 2021 12:31 PDT)

Email: randallfurrow@aol.com

Jul 16, 2021

Addressing Unstable Housing In The Phoenix EMA

Report To The RWPA Planning Council's CHIPS Committee
and Planning Council March 30, 2021



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Background

- The Phoenix EMA serves approximately 4500 individuals living with HIV, providing core medical and support services to these individuals.
- As of March 2021, approximately 7.6% of all Ryan White Part A clients identify as unstably housed.
- The RWPA Council identified a need for an ad hoc workgroup to review the status of housing in the EMA and to make recommendations to the Planning Council on strategies and interventions that can be implemented to decrease the number of unstably housed individuals and increase viral suppression in this group.

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Ad Hoc Housing Workgroup Goals



Identify, discuss and recommend models for housing that best meet the needs of RWPA clients that are experiencing unstable housing



Develop a set of recommendations for CHPS to forward to Planning Council



Identify issues that need further review and analysis to determine best practices

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Action: Workgroup convened in November 2020 and reviewed:

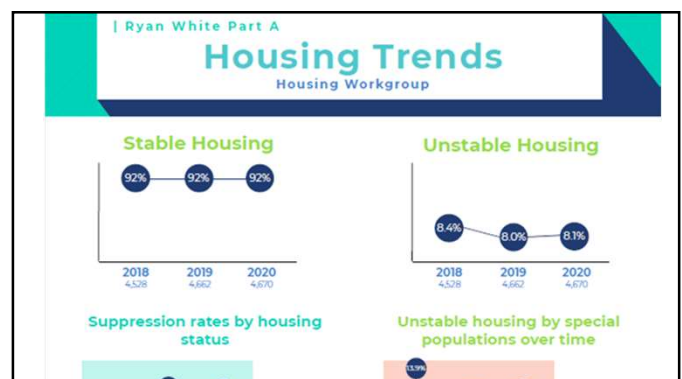
- Housing Definitions
- Allowable Services
- History of Housing in RWPA EMA
- Current RWPA funded Housing Initiatives
- Data related to:
 - i. Housing Status 2018-2020
 - ii. viral suppression rates in stable versus unstably housed individuals

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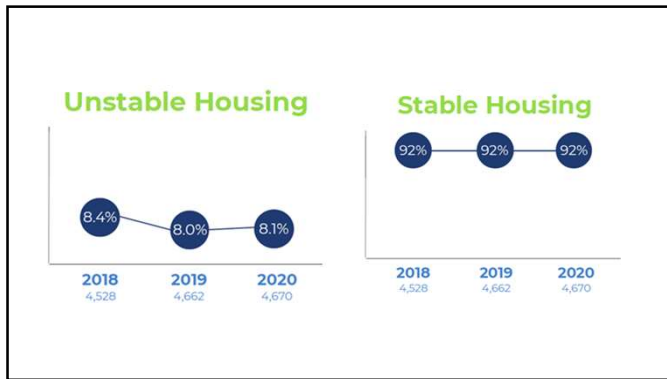
Housing Data Review 2018-2020



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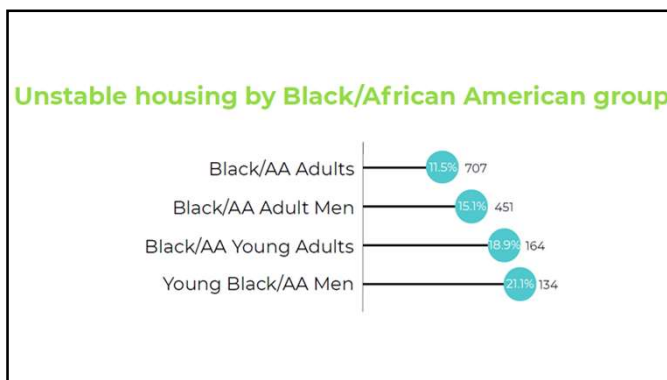
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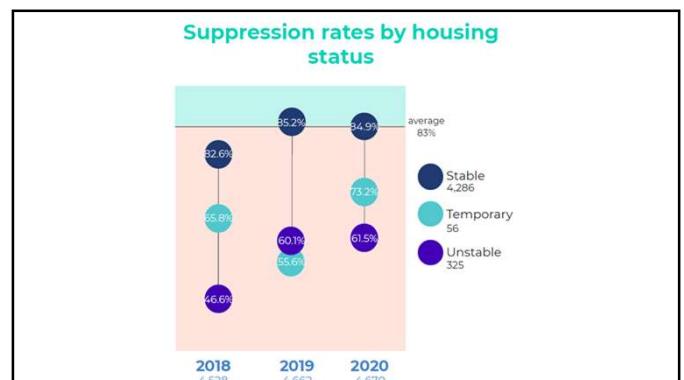
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		GY 2014 - GY 2017	GY 2018	GY 2019	GY 2020
Care Directions 1st month's rent for subsidized housing	Housed clients	200	5	2	0
	Cost per client	\$587	\$446	\$588	\$0
	Expenditures	\$117,388	\$2,231	\$1,176	\$0
Project HHHHome	Housed clients	—	51	79	57
	Cost per client	—	\$5,153	\$11,604	\$7,091
	Expenditures	—	\$262,838	\$916,716	\$404,203*
SAAF Emergency financial assistance & rent	Housed clients	—	—	—	8
	Cost per client	—	—	—	\$961
	Expenditures	—	—	—	\$7,685**

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Ad Hoc Housing Workgroup Developed 5 Recommendations and presented to CHPS in December, 2020

1. Engage consumers to provide feedback on the most effective services or other reasons that assist them in achieving stability in housing and the barriers they have experienced in achieving stable housing.
 - Action: All RWPA providers were surveyed in December 2020 and January 2021 to obtain their feedback on:
 - i. Their knowledge of housing resources
 - ii. Barriers to assisting clients in achieving stable housing
 - iii. Recommendations for improvements
2. Request the Administrative Agent to provide available options for providing Emergency Housing Services and other housing models utilizing current available funds in 2020 and 2021.

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Recommendations (Continued)

4. Request the Planning Council review PSRA Priorities to determine if Housing Services should be reprioritized during the next PSRA in July 2021
5. Identify a mechanism to engage the EMA's housing stakeholders, in discussions of developing a mechanism for regular dialogue and communication between the housing stakeholders and the community to ensure that the community stays updated on HOPWA and other subsidized resources and utilization.

- The Planning Council approved these recommendations in December 2020

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Work To Date On Recommendations—March 2021

Recommendation #1 -Engage consumers to provide feedback (e.g. include housing questions in future comprehensive needs assessment) on the most effective services or other reasons that assist them in achieving stability in housing and the barriers they have experienced in achieving stable housing.

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Work To Date On Recommendation 1: Obtaining Consumer Input and Feedback

Action: Survey of Project HHHHome Participants

- i. 91 clients were sent surveys
- ii. 6 surveys (6.5%) were returned

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Most Helpful Components of Project HHHHome as Identified by Participants

- Housing.
 - "Housing saved my life."
 - "A secure place to be."
- Counseling.
 - "Helping me with goal planning."
- Employment Assistance.
 - "I have learned how important work is."
 - "I could not be where I am without SBH."

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Work To Date On Recommendation 1: Obtaining Consumer Input and Feedback (continued)

- Valleywise Health conducted a webinar on Housing and Housing Advocacy for PLWH to educate the participants on issues related to housing and how to advocate individually and as a group to improve community housing status.
- Valleywise Healthy Aging Group completed a brainstorming session on issues affecting Aging PLWH. Housing and Homeless was a major issue identified illegible by aging adults living with HIV. This group identified:
 - Housing is Healthcare
 - Difficulty finding apartment to take Section 8 vouchers
 - Housing is not always accessible to public transportation

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Work To Date On Recommendation 1 : Obtaining Consumer Input and Feedback (continued)

- Questions have been included in the 2021 Statewide Needs Assessment to obtain data related to housing status and consumer feedback on the most important components of housing assistance.
- A point in time survey will be conducted in May 2021 by RWPA Case Managers to obtain client feedback on housing gaps and needs.
- Meetings will be held with RWPC Consumer Advisory Group, Healthy Aging Group and Women's Group to obtain additional consumer input related to Housing gaps and needs.

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Work To Date Recommendation 1 (continued)

- PLWH will be recruited to participate in ongoing ad hoc workgroups that will address issues related to housing. First meeting of this workgroup will be May 2021 and will meet quarterly.
- Planning Council will be provided on-going information related to continuing activities to obtain consumer input and feedback.

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Recommendation #2: Obtain information from current RWPA providers on what has helped their unstably housed individuals obtain housing and what housing and support services are most helpful to their clients.

- Action: All RWPA providers were surveyed in December 2020 and January 2021 to obtain their feedback on:
 - i. Their knowledge of housing resources
 - ii. Barriers to assisting clients in achieving stable housing
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Work To Date Recommendation #2 -Obtain information from current RWPA providers on what has helped their unstably housed individuals obtain housing and what housing and support services are most helpful to their clients.

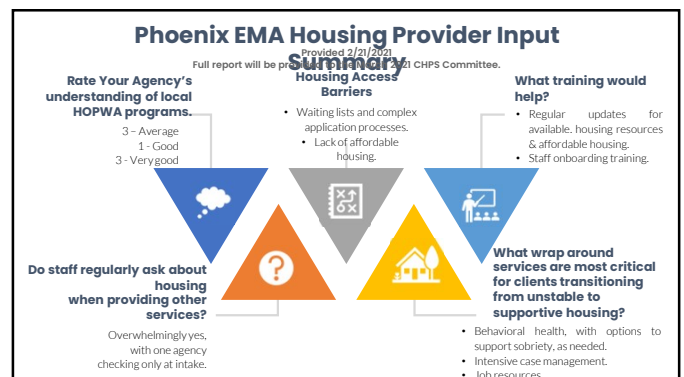
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 - iii. Recommendations for improvements

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Recommendation #2: Obtaining Provider Input: Total of seven (7) agencies were surveyed in December 2020 and January 2021 to obtain provider feedback on how to improve Housing services

1. Rate your agency's understanding of HOPWA housing programs in the Phoenix EMA.
2. Outside of case management assessments (if applicable), does your staff routinely ask about client's housing status while providing other core medical and support services?
3. What training would be helpful to your staff to increase their understanding of available housing services and how to refer clients applying for assistance?
4. What barriers have your clients had in accessing housing services?
5. What wraparound core medical and support services are most critical to clients as they transition from unstable housing to supportive housing services?

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1. Rate your agency's understanding of HOPWA housing programs in the Phoenix EMA.

- a. 3 agencies rated their knowledge as average
- b. 1 agency rated their knowledge as good
- c. 3 agencies rated their knowledge as very good

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2. Outside of case management assessments (if applicable), does your staff routinely ask about client's housing status while providing other core medical and support services?

- a. Yes, in all areas of the agency.
- b. It is not screened for in Transportation or HIPCSA; however, if a client mentioned housing concerns, the staff would refer the client appropriately. EIS does not specifically ask about housing as the main goal is to reconnect the client to a CM (who will then discuss this) but if the issue comes up, the EIS Specialist can appropriately refer the client for housing assistance. It is part of the CE Intake and renewal process.
- c. Our case management assessment does require 6 month updates on client's housing status. As a best practice during the pandemic, our agency has started to include this housing status question as part of monthly check in calls with clients. We understand that a lot of individuals have been affected with job loss or reduction on work hours and this is a great need in our client population.

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3. What training would be helpful to your staff to increase their understanding of available housing services and how to refer clients applying for assistance?

- a. Yes, it's part of the intake process
- b. Monthly housing updates to keep agency staff up to date on available housing resources, HOPWA units that come available, and other general affordable housing information.
- c. Establish a HIV Housing Coalition that can help to advocate for clients (on both a policy and regulatory level), be a resource for each other and begin to maintain a stronger sense of the need in the community.
- d. Create a statewide HIV housing plan to ensure that all people living with HIV in Arizona have access to affordable housing and supportive services.

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3. What training would be helpful to your staff to increase their understanding of available housing services and how to refer clients applying for assistance? (continued)

- e. It would be helpful for onboarding our new administrative assistant who is new to the Ryan White field.
- f. The training in itself would be beneficial for the staff, to know what housing programs are available to clients in the Maricopa/Pinal areas.
- h. Training on completing HOPWA applications when there are changes or revisions. We would also benefit from updated email communication from HOPWA that reflect changes in the application, client eligibility or availability of HOPWA resources.
- i. Any training would be helpful!

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4. What barriers have your clients had in accessing housing services?

- a. Lack of affordable housing in the community
- b. Not enough Housing First housing programs, and particularly programs that embrace a harm reduction philosophy and do not require sobriety.
- c. Some clients do not have the necessary information to apply for services and experience delay.
- d. Being wait listed and lack of funding and finances
- e. In terms of financial assistance for housing, the applications for HOPWA and SAAF are long and request significant documentation.

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4. What barriers have your clients had in accessing housing services? (continued)

- f. We have no problems referring individuals to the HOPWA Housing Information Specialist or HOPWA Housing Advocate.
- g. Barriers for HOPWA include communication with HOPWA case managers, legal status requirement for clients, and completing the application. Usually, a CM will complete the application for HOPWA before submitting to expedite the process. The application for HOPWA changes frequently and the CMs are not trained to keep up with new application requirements.

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4. What barriers have Your Clients had in Accessing Housing Services?
(continued)

- h. Our agency has had a good experience with the Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance provider. They are able to offer housing assistance for undocumented individuals and has more flexibility and communication with CMs regarding required eligibility documentation and changes to the application. We've even had their staff join one of our team meetings to discuss housing services with case managers.
- i. Waiting lists and complex application processes

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4. What Barriers have Your Clients had when Accessing Housing Services?
(continued)

- j. Our agency has had a good experience with the Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance provider. They are able to offer housing assistance for undocumented individuals and has more flexibility and communication with CMs regarding required eligibility documentation and changes to the application. We've even had their staff join one of our team meetings to discuss housing services with case managers.

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5. What wraparound core medical and support services are most critical to clients as they transition from unstable housing to supportive housing services?

- a. If coming from a homeless background and placed in a scattered site housing model clients will need a much higher level of supportive services to maintain their housing (i.e. help with budgeting, paying rent, landlord advocacy, how to be a good neighbor).
- b. If a client is not sober and/or active user, harm reduction and housing first services will be critical and a friendly landlord that embraces these service philosophies. No one should be denied housing based on sobriety.
- c. A dedicated case manager or housing specialist that is checking in regularly to ensure med adherence, addressing barriers to care, transportation

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5. What wraparound core and medical services are most critical to clients as they transition from transitional to supportive housing? (continued)

- d. Work force development services to help a client return to the workforce
- e. It would be helpful for onboarding our new administrative assistant who is new to the Ryan White field.
- f. The training in itself would be beneficial for the staff, to know what housing programs are available to clients in the Maricopa/Pinal areas.
- g. None needed

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5. What wraparound core medical and support services are most critical to clients as they transition from unstable housing to supportive housing services? (continued)

- h. Job resources so that clients can obtain income in order to become financially independent and find their own housing. Better coordination between the housing specialist at the housing provider and the case manager. Case management required for individuals in transitional housing. Transportation resources for job search or to get to and from work (monthly bus passes rather than 10 tickets). Financial assistance for application fees, background checks.
- i. HIV medical services including doctor visits and medication, Medical Case

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5. What wraparound core medical and support services are most critical to Clients as They Transition From transitional Housing to supportive Housing? (continued)

- j. Management services that work closely with client as much as needed to support the transition, and housing CM services that are part of the clinical care team.
- k. Behavioral health and general support during housing transition is critically important. Clients need social support when moving from living under a bridge with a bunch of people where it's loud and they're surrounded by people to suddenly moving into a silent apartment by themselves. We often don't provide enough support in making this change which is why we see people start inviting other people into their apartments and then eventually losing that housing.

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Actions to date Recommendation 2: March 2021

- Education sessions will be included in upcoming HIV Symposium on Housing Resources available statewide.
- Housing Providers, including HOPWA providers, will be requested to provide quarterly updates to CHPS Committee, who will provide updates and recommendations to RWPA Planning Council
- Every provider agency will be invited to ongoing ad hoc Housing Workgroup to provide input and feedback on housing issues.
 - Meetings will be held quarterly in May, August, November, 2021 and February 2022

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Recommendation 3: Request the Administrative Agent to provide available options for providing Emergency Housing Services and other housing models utilizing current available funds in 2020 and 2021.

- RWPA provided additional funding for Emergency Financial Assistance for Rent and Utility payments, including back rent and utilities for individuals at risk for infection due to COVID related financial hardships.
- Applications for assistance were streamlined, and all Case Management Agencies combine efforts to identify clients that needed assistance and referred these clients for assistance.
- As of February 2021-, <fill in the blank> clients received assistance and funding was approved for <fill in the blank>. This program is continuing in great year 2021.

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Recommendation 3: Actions to Date (continued) March 2021

- RWPA approved an extension of Project HHHome funding until June 30, 2021 in order to have City of Phoenix convert 10 housing units to HOPWA funding and ensure that all remaining clients in Project HHHome are converted to HOPWA funding.
- RWPA and RWPB are researching other opportunities for emergency housing assistance, including emergency housing ie: motel or short-term rental assistance.

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Recommendation 4: Request the Planning Council review PSRA Priorities to determine if Housing Services should be reprioritized during the next PSRA session in July, 2021

- Action: the RWPA Administrative Agent will provide final 2020 housing data as part of the PSRA along with recommendations to PC re: housing gaps, needs and funding options.

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Recommendation 5: Provide on-going dialogue with housing stakeholders, funders, providers and consumers on housing issues

- Action: A HIV Housing Coalition will be established to meet quarterly to discuss housing issues and provide feedback to the Planning Council via the CHIPS committee.
- Housing Coalition will meet in May, August, November 2021 and February 2022


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Proposed HIV Housing Coalition Members


- Proposed HIV Housing Coalition will include members from:
 - Every Ryan White Part A Case Management Agency
 - Workforce Development Specialist
 - HOPWA Representative
 - Emergency Housing and Rental Assistance Program
 - RWPA Administrative Agency
 - RWPB Representative
 - CHIPS Committee Representative
 - Non-Profit Housing Agency providing housing resources in Maricopa County
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Thank You to all Housing Workgroup Participants for Helping Us Improve Housing Services!!!



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Questions?



Next Update: August, 2021

March 30, 2021

CHPS HOUSING WORKGROUP REPORT TO RWPA PLANNING COUNCIL

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WORKGROUP GOALS

- Identify, discuss and recommend models for housing that best meet the needs of RWPA clients that are experiencing unstable housing
- Develop a set of recommendations for CHPS to forward to Planning Council
- Identify issues that need further review and analysis to determine best practices

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THE PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVED 5 RECOMMENDATIONS IN DECEMBER 2020

- Engage consumers to provide feedback (e.g. include housing questions in future comprehensive needs assessment) on the most effective services or other reasons that assist them in achieving stability in housing and the barriers they have experienced in achieving stable housing.
- Obtain information from current RWPA providers on what has helped their unstably housed individuals obtain housing and what housing and support services are most helpful to their clients. This information will be collected during the 2020 administrative site visits being conducted by the RWPA office by March, 2021. Ensure that information is obtained from other key housing stakeholders in the EMA (i.e. HOPWA Housing Information Specialist).

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THE PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVED 5 RECOMMENDATIONS IN DECEMBER 2020 (CONTINUED)

- Request the Administrative Agent to provide available options for providing Emergency Housing Services and other housing models utilizing current available funds in 2020 and 2021.
- Request the Planning Council review PSRA Priorities to determine if Housing Services should be reprioritized during the next PSRA session in July, 2021
- Identify a mechanism to engage the EMA's housing stakeholders, in discussions of developing a mechanism for regular dialogue and communication between the housing stakeholders and the community to ensure that the community stays updated on HOPWA and other subsidized resources and utilization.

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RECOMMENDATION 1: ENGAGE CONSUMERS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK (E.G. INCLUDE HOUSING QUESTIONS IN FUTURE COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT) ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE SERVICES OR OTHER REASONS THAT ASSIST THEM IN ACHIEVING STABILITY IN HOUSING AND THE BARRIERS THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED IN ACHIEVING STABLE HOUSING.

Actions to Date:

- Survey of Project HHHome Participants Southwest Behavioral Health)
- Webinar on Housing and Housing Advocacy for PLWH to educate the participants on issues related to housing and how to advocate individually and as a group to improve community housing status. (Valleywise Health)
- Brainstorming session on issues affecting Aging PLWH. Housing and Homeless was a major issue identified by aging adults living with HIV. (Valleywise Healthy Aging Group)
- PLWH will be recruited to participate in ongoing ad hoc workgroups that will address issues related to housing. First meeting of this workgroup will be May 2021 and will meet quarterly. (Planning Council)

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RECOMMENDATION 1: ACTIONS TO DATE (CONTINUED)

- Questions have been included in the 2021 Statewide Needs Assessment to obtain data related to housing status and consumer feedback on the most important components of housing assistance. (RWPA and RWPB)
- A point in time survey will be conducted in May 2021 by RWPA Case Managers to obtain client feedback on housing gaps and needs. (RWPA Case Management Agencies)
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RECOMMENDATION 2: IDENTIFY A MECHANISM TO ENGAGE THE EMA'S HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS, IN DISCUSSIONS OF DEVELOPING A MECHANISM FOR REGULAR DIALOGUE AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY STAYS UPDATED ON HOPWA AND OTHER SUBSIDIZED RESOURCES AND UTILIZATION.

Actions To Date

- All RWPA providers were surveyed in December 2020 and January 2021 to obtain their feedback on:
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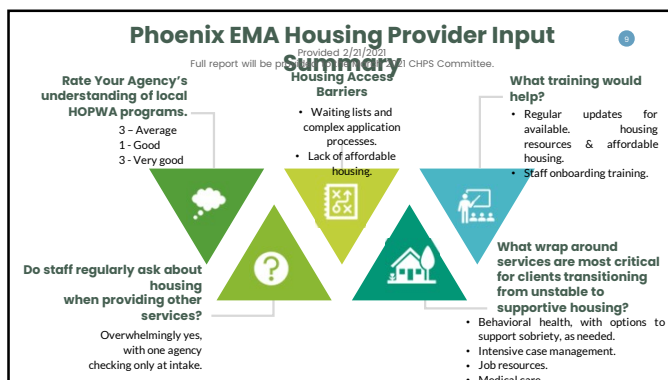
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PROVIDER QUESTIONS INCLUDED:

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RECOMMENDATION 3: REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT TO PROVIDE AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY HOUSING SERVICES AND OTHER HOUSING MODELS UTILIZING CURRENT AVAILABLE FUNDS IN 2020 AND 2021.

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- Applications for assistance were streamlined, and all Case Management Agencies combine efforts to identify clients that needed assistance and referred these clients for assistance.
- As of February 2021, 76 clients received assistance and funding was approved for \$176,674. This program is continuing in great year 2021.

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RECOMMENDATION 3: ACTIONS (CONTINUED)

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RECOMMENDATION 4: REQUEST THE PLANNING COUNCIL REVIEW PSRA PRIORITIES TO DETERMINE IF HOUSING SERVICES SHOULD BE REPRIORITIZED DURING THE NEXT PSRA SESSION IN JULY, 2021

Action:

- The RWPA Administrative Agent will provide final 2020 housing data as part of the PSRA along with recommendations to PC re: housing gaps, needs and funding options.

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RECOMMENDATION 5: IDENTIFY A MECHANISM TO ENGAGE THE EMA'S HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS, IN DISCUSSIONS OF DEVELOPING A MECHANISM FOR REGULAR DIALOGUE AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE HOUSING STAKEHOLDERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY STAYS UPDATED ON HOPWA AND OTHER SUBSIDIZED RESOURCES AND UTILIZATION.

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* Proposed HIV Housing Coalition will include members from:

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HIV HOUSING COALITION WILL MEET IN MAY, AUGUST, NOVEMBER 2021 AND FEBRUARY 2022

The HIV Housing Coalition will report quarterly to the CHPS Committee, which will update the Planning Council on the recommendations.

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Questions?

THANKS TO THE PLANNING COUNCIL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING HOUSING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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HIV Integrated Plan Update

DRAFT

CENTRAL REGION REVIEW OF OBJECTIVES:
(MARCH 1, 2020 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2021)

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Federal Goals:
Reduce new HIV transmissions.
Increase access to care.
Reduce disparities.
More coordinated response.

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Community defined objectives ranging from education & training, system redesign, prevention through PrEP and more. See the full plan at HIVAZ.org/Victory.

90%

of the 63 objectives are completed!

Outstanding Objectives:

GOAL 1: REDUCE NEW HIV TRANSMISSIONS

Online Application. In progress. Lead by ADHS. Focused on efficiency. Will be collecting provider planning input.

GOAL 2: INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE

Health literacy library. In progress. Identified and reviewing 3 federal health literacy resources from the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), [TargetHIV](https://www.TargetHIV.org), and [Health.gov](https://www.Health.gov).

GOAL 3: REDUCE DISPARITIES

Social Marketing. In progress. Developing a youth social media campaign. Planning Ending the HIV Epidemic funded campaign "How low can you go?"

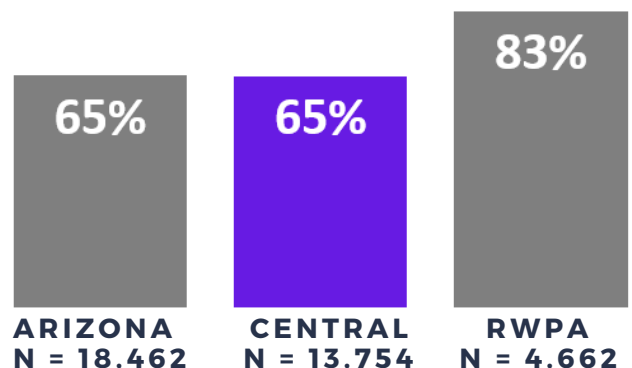
Emergency Housing for Homeless. Implemented with CARES funds. Put on hold for a month while developing additional training. Planning Council is planning a housing stakeholder meeting.

GOAL 4: MORE COORDINATED RESPONSE

Use data to identify disparities and build capacity. In progress. Data identified Young Adults (18-30), Transgender, African American and Latina Women, and MSM of Color as priority populations. Arizona Regional Quality Group improvement projects have focused on relevant populations.

Stigma reduction media initiative with adjustment. Delayed due to COVID.

2020 CALENDAR YEAR VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION RATES: PENDING



HIV Integrated Plan Detailed Updates

Done ✓

Progressing ➤

Delayed —

GOAL 1: REDUCE NEW HIV TRANSMISSIONS 96% COMPLETED

- Increase HIV testing ✓
- HIV/PrEP education ✓
- 4th Gen. algorithms ✓
- Linkage to care training ✓
- Social marketing (testing) ✓
- PrEP evaluation assistance pilot ✓
- PrEP evaluation assistance pilot project ✓
- Social marketing (PrEP) ✓
- Training on diagnosis/management of HIV ✓
- Training for Dental Providers on HIV & co-morbidities ✓
- Collaborative Trainings with CA STD/HV PTC ✓
- Community Health Worker training ✓
- One trauma-informed care presentation providers ✓
- Community-based HIV awareness ✓
- HIV care during deportation ✓
- HIV Symposium ✓
- RW Part A & B online enrollment application portal ➤
- MCDPH and SWC Rapid Start implementation ✓
- New partners added to the Prevention Programs ✓
- Implementing technology to expand partner services ✓
- Annual PLWH assessment ✓
- QI for linkage to care time ✓
- Cultural Competency & Health Equity training ✓
- HIVAZ in Spanish ✓

GOAL 2: INCREASE ACCESS 93% COMPLETED

- County Correctional monitoring of Opt-Out testing ✓
- Increase homeless clients being screened and referred to care ✓
- Implement HIV Prevention Strategies in Correctional facilities ✓
- Evaluate feasibility of implementing shared data system ✓
- Health literacy library ➤
- 8 Medical provider trainings ✓
- Electronic patient portal ✓
- Quarterly linkage reviews ✓
- Establish baseline for culturally appropriate care for HIV negative clients ✓
- Quarterly suppression reviews ✓
- Treatment adherence expansion ✓
- Prevention strategy: retention and suppression ✓
- Culturally responsive media initiative promoting retention & viral suppression ✓
- Prevention on focused on Continuum of Care for Phx, Tuc & the State ✓
- Establish baseline: Newly Dx suppression within 180 days ✓

GOAL 3: REDUCE DISPARITIES 86% COMPLETED

- Provide capacity building to diversity funds ✓
- Capacity building assessment ✓
- Continuum data from specific target populations ✓
- 3+ non-Ryan White medical provider trainings ✓
- Sex positivity trainings ✓
- Social Marketing (Stigma reduction) ➤
- Assessment of health disparities of gay/bisexual men, young Black gay/bisexual men, and Black women ✓
- Develop strategies to address issues ✓
- Placement of unstably housed RWPA eligible clients ✓
- Identified HOPWA partners throughout Arizona ✓
- Rebate funds for Housing services ✓
- Improve housing opportunities for homeless clients ✓
- Identify emergency housing option for the homeless ➤
- Collaborate with SAAF on best practices regarding housing ✓

GOAL 4: COORDINATED APPROACH 80% COMPLETED

- Address disparities and conduct projects to improve viral suppression ✓
- Data sharing agreements ✓
- Use data to identify and implement capacity building to address disparities ➤
- QI to decrease entry to care timeline ✓
- Annual Needs Assessment ✓
- Consumer feedback ✓
- Establish partnerships with community stakeholders ✓
- Implement a stigma reduction initiative and adjust based on data ➤
- Rebate funds for Housing services ✓
- Combine resources to create efficiencies and reduce duplication ✓

**Maricopa County Ryan White Part A Program
Planning Council Meeting and PSRA Data Session
Documents List
August 25, 2020**

Planning Council Meeting Documents (left folder pocket)

- Planning Council and PSRA Session Meeting Agenda
- May Planning Council Meeting Minutes
- Conflict of Interest Declaration
- Code of Conduct
- GY2020 Part A Priorities Voting Certification
- Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process
- Guiding Principles for Allocations Decisions
 - Overview of PSRA Process

PSRA Data Session Documents (right folder pocket)

- Yearly Summary
 - Last year's clients, staff, costs (by funding stream);
 - This year's projected clients and funds available; and
 - Next year section for Planning Council to take notes during meeting.
- 2019-2020 Utilization Report
 - Last year's costs by funding, clients, costs per clients, units, etc. by service category.
- 2019-2020 EMA Unduplicated Clients
 - Clients by demographics, suppression rates, and by service category.
- 2019 RWPA Continuum Data Dashboard
 - Part A Continuum Data by year, service category, and priority populations.
- 2020-2021 Allocations
 - This year's allocations (costs) changes and progression; and
 - Breakdown of current allocations by funding stream.
- 1st Quarter Comparison
 - Comparison between clients (total and new) and costs by service category for the 1st quarter of the current and previous grant years.







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Final Audit Report

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